

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4756
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2008
DECLINE IN GROUND WATER LEVEL
Murmu Shri Hemlal

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Pani Pane Ke Prayason Par Bhi Break' regarding fall of water level appearing in the 'Dainik Jagran' dated March 11, 2008;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the effective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT(SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): Nangloi Water Treatment Plant (WTP) in Delhi was completed in 1998. Delhi did not have raw water to run the plant. Supreme Court ordered on 10th May, 2000 that the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) shall supply additional 125 cusec of water at Nangal. This was reduced to 60 cusec on 27.5.2000, as decided by the Central Water Commission (CWC) after inspection and review.

On 31.5.2007, CWC, based on further inspection of the system, ordered that the full 125 cusecs water supply shall be released by the BBMB, and that the Governments of Punjab and Haryana should carry the additional discharge through their respective canals. While the additional water was released on 7.6.2007, and was carried by Punjab upto Haryana, Haryana did not agree to carry it further and started utilizing the additional water supply since then. A meeting was held by CWC on 3.8.2007, and Haryana was directed to implement orders for carrying the additional water to Delhi meant for the Nangloi WTP. Haryana has refused to implement the orders. Delhi Jal Board has informed that it has filed a Contempt Petition in the Supreme Court.